

## ABSTRACT

A pile knitting method by a weft knitting machine is provided in which a compound needle can be used to form a pile stitch and simultaneously hold other stitches. After a hook (7c) of a needle body (7a) receives a fastening yarn (21) fed thereto, a carriage brings together a yarn feeder (11b) for feeding a pile yarn (22) and the hook (7c) receives the pile yarn (22). On a front needle bed (3), the needle body (7a) is raised to a tuck position in a state where an old loop (23) is set on a tongue (7d) of a slider (7b). The hook (7c) of the needle body (7a) holds therein the fastening yarn (21). When the pile yarn (22) is fed to the hook (7c) from the yarn feeder (11b), the hook (7c) holds therein the fastening yarn (21) and the pile yarn (22). The pile yarn (22) is set also on a tongue (107d) of a slider (107b) on a rear needle bed (103), which tongue has been already raised and advanced into a needle bed gap (2).